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To require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study of cooperative marketing of United States and Canadian grain for export, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. DURENBERGER, and Mr. CONRAD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. STUDY OF COOPERATIVE MARKETING OF UNIT-**
4 **ED STATES AND CANADIAN GRAIN.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) the United States-Canada Free Trade
7 Agreement forced the creation of a single North
8 American grain market without adjustments to har-

1 monize the marketing system and relative Federal
2 commodity programs of the 2 nations;

3 (2) trade conflicts between the United States
4 and Canada over grain trade have arisen, and con-
5 tinue to escalate since the negotiation of the Agree-
6 ment;

7 (3) better harmony between the United States
8 and Canadian grain marketing system is needed;

9 (4) Canadian producers have cooperatively mar-
10 keted their grain for 50 years, and have an estab-
11 lished collective marketing system;

12 (5) United States producers should have the op-
13 portunity to market their grain cooperatively when
14 the producers find it in their best interest; and

15 (6) it is in the interest of harmonious trade
16 with Canada, and in the possible economic interests
17 of United States grain producers, to investigate the
18 advantages and disadvantages of marketing grain in
19 a cooperative exporting venture with Canada, and
20 for the United States to discuss such a venture with
21 Canada.

22 (b) STUDY.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall con-
23 duct a study of cooperative marketing of United States
24 and Canadian grain for export. The study shall—

1 (1) evaluate the desirability and feasibility of
2 the United States entering into negotiations with
3 Canada to establish a cooperative venture to conduct
4 the marketing;

5 (2) evaluate, as alternative marketing ventures,
6 the collective export marketing of durum wheat, bar-
7 ley, all wheat, or all wheat and barley;

8 (3) describe and evaluate the structures of col-
9 lective grain export marketing ventures that are
10 most economically advantageous to United States
11 grain producers;

12 (4) describe the changes in United States and
13 Canadian law that may be necessary to proceed with
14 each of the marketing ventures that are described in
15 paragraphs (2) and (3), including changes in United
16 States law necessary to authorize the Secretary to
17 issue and amend marketing orders under section 8c
18 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act (7 U.S.C. 608c),
19 reenacted with amendments by the Agricultural
20 Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, to facilitate the
21 collective marketing of grains; and

22 (5) evaluate the likely effects of each venture on
23 United States commodity programs for grain and
24 recommend necessary and appropriate changes in
25 the programs that would be—

1 (A) most beneficial and profitable for grain
2 producers;

3 (B) least costly to the Federal Govern-
4 ment; and

5 (C) most harmonious with the marketing
6 system and commodity programs of Canada.

7 (c) REPORT.—The Secretary shall report the results
8 of the study to Congress not later than August 15, 1995.

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